

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION X

1200 SIXTH AVENUE
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98101



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

M/S 524

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Re: Western Processing Company, Inc.
7215 South 196th St.
Kent, Washington

Dear Sir:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has documented the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at the above referenced site. In response to the release or the substantial threat of a release of hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants at the site, the EPA undertook a federally financed action to investigate and control these releases pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601 et seq. (CERCLA). EPA is considering spending additional public funds to take the necessary corrective action, unless it is determined that such action will be conducted properly by a responsible party.

Responsible parties under CERCLA include the current and past owner or operator of the site, and persons who generated the substances or were involved in transport, treatment or disposal of them at the site. Under CERCLA and other laws, responsible parties may be liable for all monies expended by the government to take necessary corrective action at the site including investigation, planning, and cleanup of the site.

Based on reports submitted by the Western Processing Company to the State of Washington Department of Ecology and EPA and other information obtained from Western Processing, the EPA believes that your company/organization may be a responsible party and therefore potentially responsible for undertaking remedial measures at the Western Processing site. Such remedial actions may include making a final disposition of all hazardous substances present at the site, investigating and decontaminating the soils and aquifers underlying the site, and other measures to be determined by EPA. In the future, the EPA may wish to discuss your company's/organization's voluntary involvement in the measures necessary to remedy the hazardous waste problems

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presently found at the site. If sufficient response by responsible parties is not forthcoming and EPA is required to use public funds to accomplish the necessary response activities, your company/organization may be held liable for the costs incurred by the Agency in its activities on this site.

At this time, EPA is seeking to obtain certain information from you. Under the provisions of Section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9604, and Section 3007 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. 6927, as amended by the Solid Waste Disposal Act Amendments of 1980, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency has the authority to require any person who generates, stores, treats, transports, disposes of, or otherwise handles or has handled hazardous wastes and substances to furnish information related to such wastes and substances. Pursuant to this statutory provision, you are hereby requested to answer the following questions:

1. What are the generic names and chemical character of the hazardous substances, as defined under Section 101(14) of CERCLA, you delivered or arranged to have delivered to, the Western Processing site?

2. For each hazardous substance identified above, please give the total quantity, in weight and/or volume, and list when such delivery occurred. If in containers, please also list the number of containers.

3. What arrangements were made to transport the hazardous substances to Western Processing?

4. Who was the transporter of the hazardous substances, and what is his current/previous address?

5. If on any occasion you were only a transporter of hazardous substances to the Western Processing site, from whom did you obtain these hazardous substances and what is his current/previous address?

For the above questions, please describe the types of records that were maintained by your company/organization of the transactions with the Western Processing Company including the date of the records, the author of the records, the current location of the records and their current custodian. Pursuant to Section 103 of CERCLA, it is unlawful for any person knowingly to destroy, mutilate, erase, dispose of, conceal, or otherwise render unavailable or unreadable or falsify any of the above records.

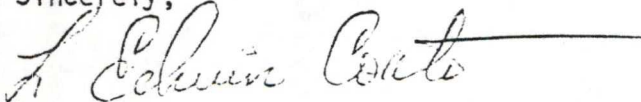
Your written answers to these questions must be sent to EPA within thirty (30) calendar days of your receipt of this letter. Under Section 3008 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. 6928, failure to comply with this request may result in an order requiring compliance or a civil action for appropriate relief. Section 3008 of RCRA also provides for civil penalties.

EPA regulations governing confidentiality of business information are set forth in Part 2, Subpart B of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations. For any portion of the information submitted which is entitled to confidential treatment, please assert a confidentiality claim in accordance with 40 CFR §2.203(b). If EPA determines that the information so designated meets the criteria set forth in 40 CFR §2.200, the information will be disclosed only to the extent, and by means of the procedures, specified in 40 CFR Part 2, Subpart B. EPA will construe the failure to furnish a confidentiality claim with your response to this letter as a waiver of that claim, and information may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice.

Please respond to us within the time frame indicated above. Your written response should be sent to Danforth Bodien, Toxic Substances Control Branch, M/S 524, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101. All telephone inquiries should be directed to Mr. Bodien at (206) 442-1886.

I hope you will give this matter your immediate attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "L. Edwin Coate", followed by a horizontal line.

L. Edwin Coate,
Acting Regional Administrator

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EPA Region 10, TSCB
Attn: Danforth Bodien
1200 6th Ave., M/S 524
Seattle, Washington 98101

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RECEIPT FOR CERTIFIED MAIL

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Tacoma, WA 98409

P.O., State and ZIP Code

Postage	\$
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3. If you want a return receipt, write the certified-mail number and your name and address on a return receipt card, Form 3811, and attach it to the front of the article by means of the gummed ends if space permits. Otherwise, affix to back of article. Endorse front of article **RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED** adjacent to the number.
4. If you want delivery restricted to the addressee, or to an authorized agent of the addressee, endorse **RESTRICTED DELIVERY** on the front of the article.
5. Enter fees for the services requested in the appropriate spaces on the front of this receipt. If return receipt is requested check applicable blocks in Item 1 of Form 3811.
6. Save this receipt and present it if you make inquiry.